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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION SELECTS FIVE NOMINEES FOR THIRD DISTRICT JUVENILE COURT VACANCY

Salt Lake City, Utah—The Third District Judicial Nominating Commission has released the names of five nominees for a vacancy in Third District Juvenile Court.

The nominees are as follows: Robert W. Adkins, self-employed attorney, Coalville resident; Augustus G. Chin, Salt Lake City, assistant city prosecutor, Salt Lake City resident; Christine S. Decker, assistant attorney general, Utah Attorney General's Office, Salt Lake City resident; Carolyn Nichols, assistant attorney general, Utah Attorney General's Office, Salt Lake City resident; William R. Russell, court commissioner, Third District Juvenile Court, Salt Lake City resident.

A 10-day public comment period will be held before the names are submitted to Governor Olene Walker. To submit comments about the nominees, address a written statement to Commission Chair Larry Lunt, c/o Administrative Office of the Courts, P.O. Box 140241, Salt Lake City, UT, 84114-0241. Comments must be received by April 26, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

The commission may request further interviews or an investigation of the nominees after reviewing public comments. After the public comment period, the names will be sent to the governor who has 30 days to select a candidate. The Governor's nominee is then forwarded to the Senate Confirmation Committee, which reviews the nominee's qualifications and conducts a public hearing and interview session. The Senate Confirmation Committee then forwards the final nominee to the Utah State Senate, which has 60 days from the Governor's nomination to confirm the nominee.

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